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MEMORANDUM FOR: HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS  
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Commissioner of Labor Statistics

SUBJECT : Federal Workforce Productivity Measurement

The President has stressed the importance of productivity improvement and increased managerial efficiency in providing better service to the public within the limits of available funds. A major new effort, entitled "Reform 88," has been launched under the direction of the Office of Management and Budget to restructure the management and administrative systems of the Federal Government into more efficient operations. The effort to report Federal Government productivity growth is an important demonstration of our concern for government efficiency.

The Federal Productivity Measurement System, which reflects the efforts of 455 organizations within 48 participating agencies, is an important part of the process of monitoring our progress in achieving productivity improvement. It can be useful for managing programs, aiding in the budget process, allocating resources and communicating innovative ways to improve operations. The analysis of the data yields insights into productivity improvement efforts which are the basic responsibility of all Federal agencies.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has been responsible for the collection of the data and providing the productivity indexes for the past 10 years. This year Senator Percy of the Committee on Governmental Affairs has requested that the Bureau collect and process the 1982 data.

As in the past, the Bureau will provide technical assistance for improving and developing productivity data. We will assist in the direction and coordination of the data collection and return the agency results to you for analysis. We appreciate your support of this vital program.



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